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WE SEE NO SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE IN ROMANOV'S LEADERSHIP OF THE SUPREME SOVIET DELEGATION TO HAVANA FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCED IN SOVIET PRESS DECEMBER 1. AS A POLITBURO MEMBER WHO IS ALSO ON PRESIDUM OF SUPREME SOVIET HE IS A LOGICAL CHOICE TO HEAD DELEGATION. MOREOVER, ROMANOV ALREADY HAS SUBSTANTIAL HISTORY OF TRAVEL TO CUBA WITH WHICH-ALONG WITH FINLAND-HE SEEMS TO HAVE DEVELOPED A SPECIAL ATTACHMENT. ROMANOV HAS ALREADY BEEN IN CUBA THREE TIMES: IN NOV 1969, IN JAN 1974 WITH BREZHNEV, AND IN DEC 1975, AS A JOINT DELEGATION LEADER UNDER POLITBURO COLLEAGUE MIKHAIL SUSLOV TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CUBAN PARTY CONGRESS. LENINGRAD HAS A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH SANTIAGO DE CUBA WHICH WAS CELEBRATED WITH EXCEPTIONAL WARMTH HERE THIS YEAR IN A SIX DAY VISIT BY A CUBAN DELEGATION SIGNIFICANTLY RECEIVED BY ROMANOV-- AN HONOR ACCORDED RARELY TO SISTER CITY DELEGATIONS. NEUBERT

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